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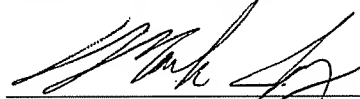
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 41.47, appellants hereby request oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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